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AMENDMENT "C"

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INVENTION:

"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTRONIC ARCHIVING

OF A COMPUTER DATA STREAM"

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2003, amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method for electronic archiving of a data stream output by a computer in a computer-specific data format that contains at least one of graphic information and text information, comprising the steps of:

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distinguishing form data from variable data in the data stream based on pixels while said data

is in a printer data format; and

while the data is in the printer specific data format [the two data types].

2. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of: allocating references to the form data to the variable data.

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